From The Country Gentlema:

BY MRS. S. H. BOWELL, AUTHOR OF "THE VANKEE SCHOOLMISTRESS."

#### CHAPTER VI.

The elopement was quickly forgotten in the excitement caused by the arrest of the counterfeiters the day following. They were taken in their his daring robberies and various other I would ring his neck for him." schemes of wickedness. Divested of a man of about fifty. The other ac- again. complice was not over thirty years old, and was proved to be an escaped ever since you came here. I have not convict from the State prison. They made a stout resistance to the officers visions for my family that winter when they forced a passage to their den, and the report of guns echoed years ago. We have seen some through the bend. Plenty of men changes since then, you and I. I feel were anxious to help. They had no like crying when I think of pulling idea it would prove so dangerous a job, and found when it was too late that there was not so much fun as they expected. The sheriff received a bullet in his shoulder, and one or thought I would come and talk with made at this writing, Aug. 14, and I two others were badly wounded. The you, and see how we could square off. am quite surprised at the results. criminals fought like tigers, but were at last overpowered by numbers and better take the stock home to winter ple crop at a full average, while 34 safely handcuffed and manacled.

At the preliminary examination, there was a large crowd in attendance. The court was held in the old meeting-house that was used for all purposes of town meetings, Sunday worship and funerals. All the proof necessary for conviction was at hand and the prisoners were bound over to have their trial at the next term of to make shingles, and so bought some the Windsor County Court in December, and for lack of bondsmen were sent to the county jail. Mr. Shaw made strenuous efforts to raise money to bail out his son, but it was impossible, and in company with the others he went to jail.

One day, after the criminals were disposed of, William Warrenton proposed to his father and brothers that in the bend-"I have a great curiosity to know what sort of a place it is," he said. So that afternoon they went to examine it. The evergreen tree for the next load, I brought a spade lay prostrate before the entrance. It was a spacious cave, fifteen or sixteen feet in width and twenty feet long. disguises—as wigs, false beards and on the rock. I could not get it, and Buren and Kalamazoo about half a articles of dress, and a large box contained suits of female apparel. It was evident from the store of provisions left, that the former occupants had intended to make a lengthy stay. The entrance was a small crevice that would hardly admit a man without stooping, and not over a foot and a half wide. The spruce tree was a complete screen from outside observation, and a sliding door on the inside, fastened with strong bars, made the place secure.

The last of November the prisoners escaped from jail. The iron bars that formed the grates to the windows of their cell were filed off. It made some excitement, but as the rascals could not be found after a thorough search, the matter died away.

During the winter Mr. Shaw tried to sell his farm, but no one would give him more than it was mortgaged for; and in the last of sleighing he came one night and asked Mr. Warrenton for a settlement. "The farm I know is yours," he said.

"Sell it for all you can get; I do not want it."

"Nobody will give me enough to pay off your mortgages, to say nothing of the interest," he replied." You have a lien on the stock, too"

"If you wish to dispose of your stock, I will take it at a fair appraisal; and what is over will pay you. But you had better take your time and sell it yourself," said Warrenton, kindly.

"Will you buy my furniture? I am going to clear out."

"Where are you going, Mr. Shaw?" "Anywhere where I am not known. The fact is, I cannot stay in Bridgewater; everybody turns a cold shoulder on me. They think I had a hand in the boys getting away, and my Mrs. Warrenton.

"Laura is at home. She came more than a month ago. I have her I could say was of no account." to support, as well as the rest."

"Do you know where Eben is?" asked she.

"He is in Canada with Sam Brownlow and the rest of them-so Laura said when she got home. Eben made himself particularly obnoxious up her head again in Bridgewater. If mained to perpetuate the name. Mr.

Silence fell upon the group for a his red wig and false beard, he looked few minutes, then Mr. Shaw spoke

"You have been good neighbors forgotten how you used to bring proup and going away to make a new home. But it has to be done, and the sooner it is over the better. I do not want any stir made about it. I and poor as a Jerusalem rat! One thing more I want to tell you, about William say he would give a good deal if he knew how that came there. I discovered it. You remember, perhaps, when I built the new barn, that I wanted some good straight timber spruce trees of Burnap. When I cut them down, I noticed that the ground shook and sounded hollow, and and badly injured by insects. echoed back. I thought it was rather strange; but when the largest one fell, oxen and cart-wheels to draw off the years, judging from reports to date. logs, I stuck my iron bar into the was terribly driven with work; so ] left it there, and drew the boughs of spruce over the hole I had dug, think- this year is the grape. There are ing I would go sometime and get it, promises of a very full yield if the and examine what sort of a place it was down there. it slipped out of my mind entirely after a while. I

reckon it was three years ago I thought of it, perhaps longer; any ties, and the recent wet weather has old. We were drawing lumber into places where this disease has ap-William's mill, and we broke our peared years before. crowbar; so I told Eben I had a good and if he had a mind to go to the been made to fight the curculio. house and get a bed-cord, I would go and open the hole, and he could get the bar. I let him down by the rope; he got the bar all right, and I had a smart tussle to draw him up. When these fellows came around a year or two later, Eben told them about it, must be stamped out at sight. and they went there, and dug to get an easy entrance, so they could get in

and out. Before they got it fixed to their minds, that terrible freshet came on and filled the cave with water, and I suppose undermined the rocks, and one day, about a week after, the banks and rocks, trees and bushes slid off into the river. Everybody thought it through June. The varieties of apwas an earthquake; don't you remember how everything shook and iarred, and the trees came down over the raceway, and tore the stones up at the falls? I did not know about it for some time. These fellows worked there two weeks, in the night time, to get it fixed. It was just the place for their business, and they thought they were perfectly safe. I never could

myself. They always forded the river to go there."
"Did you ever pass any of their bad money, Mr. Shaw?" Warrenton

imagine how they were discovered,

"Yes, I suppose I did. Brownlow wife wants to go somewhere else. It asked me one day to let him have is hard to pull up stakes at my time some bills in exchange for specie, as of life; but I am used to hard things." he wanted to send some money off. it to all. If you have disordered kid"Have you ever heard from Laura I did not know it was counterfeit, neys don't fail to try it,

since she went away?" kindly asked though, till afterwards, and I had paid it all out. I tried my best to have Eben quit off with them, but all

One night, between dark and daylight, the Shaws left. It was some time before the townspeople missed them. Thomas Warrenton's wife was the first to notice that no smoke came from ths chimneys, and she brought her as far as he dared to urged her husband to go and see if workshop, but not till after a severe come; then gave her money to pay there was any trouble. So he walked struggle, in which Eben Shaw had her fare in the stage the rest of the over, and found the house locked up, his right arm broken. The red head- way. I may as well tell you all. The and everything silent and deserted. ed man was recognized as an old sin- girl is not married, and it is on her As time rolled on, their memories ner who had fled from England to es- account that her mother wants to passed from the recollection of the cape death, and had for some years leave. She says Laura can never hold inhabitants. "Shaw's cave" only reto the settlers of the new colonies by I had that Brownlow in my clutches, Warrenton came into possession of

(To be continued.) Michigan Fruit Prospects.

BY SECRETARY GARFIELD.

About the first of August I sent 100 postal cards in envelopes to the most when we were cutting the slash, thirty prominent fruit growers in Michigan, asking them to return the percentage of an average crop that the orchards and vineyards promised for the crop of 1882, with such remarks as would naturally be suggested by the ques-

tions enclosed. Nearly all of the returns have been I am just out of hay, and you had Only one correspondent puts the apout. I am getting to be an old man, place it at less than one-fourth of a erop, 50 reports make it less than one-half a crop, and 75 less than the cave on the Burnap lot. I heard three-fourths of an average yield. The following localities have the most promising show of apples; Ingham, Bay, western Muskegon, Manistee, Genesee, Allegan, Macomb, and Lapeer counties; western Cass, western Kent, central Barry, and eastern Ottawa all unite in the statement that the fruit will be imperfect, scabby,

The crop of pears promises better than apples, and unless some new the ground shook terribly, so that I difficulty arises there will be 75 per ran back, for I thought it was going cent of a full yield. There is less to slide off. When I came with my blight this season than for several

Peaches in unfavorable localities they should go and explore the cave ground while I was chaining on the for this fruit are a complete failure. log. I let go of it, when it slipped Upon high ground in the interior down, went out of sight, and I heard there will be above half a crop, and it strike on solid rock. When I came upon the reliefs of Washtenaw county even better than this; while upon the and dug down where the bar went lake shore to the north there will be through. It was not over a foot and a light yield, of say 40 per cent. In a half through the soft ground, and Allegan, Kent, Ottawa, and Muske-An anvil and a furnace remained and the light shone in, so that I could see gon there will be two-thirds of a crop in a crevice in the rocks were various the bar, some eight feet down. lying and the fruit very fine. In Van

> The most prolific fruit in Michigan season is prolonged so the clusters will ripen. Many of the first setting were killed by frost. There is some mildew appearing in several localiway, Eben was about twenty years developed some tendency to rot in

> The plam crop will be a good crowbar on the ledge, above the bend, average where persistent efforts have

The peach yellows is gradually working northward. A few "sporadic cases" have been announced as far north as northern Ottawa and Kent; but there is a united feeling among peach growers that every case

There are a great many theories concerning the cause of failure in apples. It is laid to east winds, frosts, moist weather at time of blossoming, etc. The most common explanation seems to be that the continuous frosts through May weakened the vitality of the young fruit so that it dropped ples that have as yet hung on the trees best, are Baldwin and Golden Russet. Fall apples seem to be almost a dead failure. The Northern Spy, which is a great favorite in our State will be represented by very small quantities in the fruit cellars next winter. Cider, apple jelly, and evaporated apples will be reduced to a minimum.

To the lovers of apple sauce I would counsel the selection of the best substitute in the way of canned fruit that is possible, and begin early.

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In His Own Coin.

"Is this seat engaged?" he asked of the prettiest girl in the car, and finding it wasn't, he put his sample-box in the rack and braced himself for solid enjoy-

"Pleasant day," said the girl, coming for him before he could get his tongue unkinked. "Most bewildering day, is

"Ye-yes, miss," stammered the drummer. He wasn't in the habit of playing pitcher in this kind of a match, and the osition 'of entcher didn't fit him as lightly as his pantaloons.

"Nice weather for traveling," continued the girl, "much nicer than when it was cold. Are you perfectly comforta-ble?"

"Oh, yes, thanks!" murmured the drummer

"Glad of it," returned the girl cheerfully. "You don't look so. Let me put my shawl under your head, won't you? my shawl under your head, won't you? Hadn't you rather sit next to the win-dow, and have me describe the land-

scape to you?"

"No, please," he muttered. "I—I'm
doing well enough."

"Can't I buy you some peanuts or a
book? Let me do something to make the trip happy. Suppose I slip my arm around your waist! Just lean forward a trifle, so I can."

"You'll-you'll have to excuse n gasped the wretched drummer. "I—I don't think you really mean it!" "You look so tired," she pleaded.

"Wouldn't you like to rest your head on my shoulder? No one will notice.— Just lay your head right down, and I'll

tell you stories."
"No-no, thanks! I won't to-day!
I'm very comfortable, thank you!" and
the poor drummer looked around help-

"Your scarf-pin is coming out. Let me fix it. There!" and she arranged it deftly. "At the next station I'll get you a cup of tea, and when we arrive at our destination you'll let me call on you?" and she smiled an anxious prayer right

and she smiled an anxious prayer right up into his pallid countenance.

"I think I'll go away and smoke," said the drummer, and, hauling down his grip-sack, he made for the door, knee-deep in the grins showered around him by his fellow passengers.

"Strange" warming the girl to the

"Strange!" murmured the girl to the lady in front of her. "I only did with him just what he was making ready to do with me, and, big and strong as he is, he couldn't stand it. I really think women have stronger stomachs than men, and besides that, there isn't any smoking-car for them to fly to for refuge. don't understand this thing."

But she settled back contentedly all the same; and at a convention of drummers, held in the smoker that morning, it was unanimously resolved that her seat was engaged, so far as they were concerned, for the balance of the season.

A Curious Courtship.

The two thousand Choctaws still living in their ancestral homes in Mississippi retain in their pristine vigor, says the Natchez Democrat, many of the usages of their ancestors. Among these are the methods employed in conduct-ing a courtship and the marriage ceremony. When a young Choctaw, of Kemper or Neshoba county, sees a maiden who pleases his fancy, he watches his opportunity until he finds her alone. He then approaches within a few yards of her and gently casts a pebble toward her, so that it may fall at her feet. He may have to do this two her feet. He may have to do this two or three times before he attracts the maiden's attention. If this pebble-throwing is agreeable, she soon makes it manifest; if otherwise, a scornful look and a decided "ekwah" indicate that his suit is in vain.

When a marriage is agreed upon, the lovers appoint a time and place ceremony. On the marriage day the friends and relatives of the prospective couple meet at their respective houses or villages, and thence march toward each other. When they arrive near the marriage ground,—generally intermediate space between the two villages,—they halt within about a hundred yards of each other. The brothers of the wom-an then go across to the opposite party and bring forward the man and set him down on a blanket spread upon the marriage ground. The man's sisters then do likewise by going over and bringing forward the woman and seating her by the side of the man. Some-times, to furnish a little merriment for the occasion, the woman is expected to break loose and run. Of course she is pursued, captured, and brought back.

All parties assemble around the expectant couple. A bag of bread is brought forward by the woman's rela-tives and deposited near her. In like manner the man's relatives bring forward a bag of meat and deposit it near him. The man's friends and relatives now begin to throw presents upon the head and shoulders of the woman. These presents are of any kind that the donors choose to give, as articles of clothing, money, trinkets, ribbons, etc. As soon as thrown they are quickly snatched off by the woman's relatives and distributed among themselves. Dur-ing all this time the couple sit very quietly and demurely, not a word spoken by either. When all the presents couple, now man and wife, arise, the provisions from the bags are spread and, just as in civilized life, the ceremony is rounded off with a festival. The festival over, the company disperse and the gallant groom conducts his bride to his home, where they enter up-on the toils and responsibilities of the

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